

## OUR NEXT-DOOR NEIGHBORS.

Pickings by Star Reporters in Neighboring Cities and Towns.

## MIDDLETOWN, O.

Excursion to Dayton to-morrow. Round trip 90 cents.

George Huff has just received a large stock of fine pipes, &c.

Strawberry festival at the Presbyterian Church to-morrow evening.

Mrs. Wm. Webster, Jr., is the guest of her parents at Wemomie, Ill.

Mr. John Pritchard, chief clerk at Curtis' grocery, is an expert at the business.

Lewis Miller, one of the happy clerks at F. M. Kemp & Co.'s, reports business brisk.

The Dayton Foot-ball Team have not yet challenged the Middletown team for a game.

Mr. A. Hill, of the firm of A. Hill & Sons, was in Dayton Saturday on a business trip.

Mr. Gus Kemp, who has been lying quite ill with measles at Madison, is convalescing.

Mrs. E. G. Pope and family have returned home from a pleasant visit at Dayton, Ohio.

Mrs. Charles Gracie and Miss Jennie Rapp attended the afternoon matinee of the May Festival in Cincinnati.

Don't forget to attend the great closing out sale of W. J. Hill's grocers, queens-ware, &c., to continue twenty days.

Dr. George B. Evans has returned to his business again from Franklin, where he was confined to his bed with sickness.

Mr. James Dwinell, manufacturer of carriages and buggies, reports a rush of business, and the work he turns out is the best.

The rush at Bowman's cheap store trade place has simply been enormous for the past few days since their big reduction in dry goods.

The State Board of Public Works, located at Columbus, O., stopped off here for a few hours Saturday while on their inspecting tour from Toledo to Cincinnati.

Denny McMahon, late phunny man at the Signal office, was seen wandering his way in the direction of Franklin with a quill behind each ear and a handful of feathers in each hand, thinking up a funny leader for the first issue of his paper.

## LEXINGTON, KY.

Mr. Dan Cooper, having sold his farm to Mr. Shirley of Louisville, thinks of moving West this summer or fall.

Rev. J. L. McKee, D.D., of Danville, preached in the Second Presbyterian Church yesterday, morning and evening.

General Fitz Lee, of Virginia, will deliver the annual address at the commencement exercises of the Sayer Institute.

Mr. Wm. Cochran is once more in the Sheriff's office. He is a clever and energetic gentleman and is the right man in the right place.

Jim Trimble, the negro who killed his brother at Slickaway some time since, was sentenced to the Penitentiary for twenty-one years.

Dr. B. W. Dudley has removed to his beautiful and elegant new residence. This is one of the finest and handsomest residences in this city.

The excursion and picnic, to come off at Kentucky River, by the school of the Christ Church Seminary, has been postponed until next Saturday, May 29th.

Some of the physicians who attended the State Medical Society remained in our city, attended church yesterday and departed for their home to-day.

The fourteenth annual open session of the Periclean Society, of the Kentucky University will take place at Morrison Chapel on next Friday night, May 28th at eight o'clock. The ladies are especially invited to attend.

The commencement of the Midway Orphan School will be held in the Christian Church of that city, Thursday, May 27th. Hon. Joseph Desha Pickett, Superintendent of Public Instruction, will deliver the annual address.

The funeral of David H. Hood, son of Mr. William P. Hood, of Mississippi, who died at the residence of his uncle, Dr. Thomas H. Hood, of Cincinnati, was buried Saturday afternoon from the residence of his uncle, Sidney R. Smith, of this city.

The next fair in this city by the Kentucky Agricultural and Mechanical Association will be held Tuesday, August the 31st, and continue five days, and in the succeeding years will continue to be held the last Tuesday of August.

Messrs. Warner, Tabler & Co. have contracted for three hundred convicts to work on their section of the Big Sandy Railroad at 30 cents per day.

Wolf & Trost's Band discoursed some fine music at the Park. They play some new selections that are very fine indeed, but there is no material improvement on our last summer's music, as they had then already reached a degree of perfection, where improvement is obliged to stop.

Until the rain of Friday the crops had suffered very much from drought, and it is feared that the rain came too late to entirely restore the damage. The oat and hemp crops suffered most, and the crop of strawberries in this locality will be cut short in consequence.

Elder Thos. P. Dudley has gone to Louisville to consult an oculist in regard to his eyesight, having for some time been partially blind. Mr. Dudley is now in the eighty-eighth year of his age, and has been one of the most famous and noted men of his day, having been for sixty years a minister of the Gospel.

Mr. A. L. Johns has purchased the interest of J. J. Frost in the drug store, corner of Main and Mill streets. Mr. Johns is a young man of fine business attainments, has been in the drug business

since his boyhood, understands pharmacy perfectly and is a careful and cautious compounder of medicines.

Lexington has been greatly complicated in the way of meetings, conventions, etc. The meeting of the Baptist Association, the races, the State Medical Society and the State Democratic Convention have all been held here in less than a month. Our hotel accommodations and railroad facilities are very much better now than they have ever been before, and it is reasonable to suppose that we will gain our share of public attention.

Mr. J. B. Ferguson, who was shot by Capt. H. A. May Saturday night, is still alive. The majority of the physicians attending upon him hold out little hope of his recovery. It is feared that one of the shots near the lower portion of the spinal column entered the cavity. He suffered much pain during the latter part of the night, and in consequence was put under the influence of opiates. May's reckless deed meets with universal execration.

## WILMINGTON, O.

The Quakers have completed their new meeting-house on North South street and are holding services twice a week.

By invitation of the Grand Army of the Republic of this place all the ministers will preach Sunday, May 23rd on the subject of "Our Dead Heroes."

Oscar Martin, at present Superintendent of the Loveland Public Schools, has been tendered and accepted the position of First Assistant Superintendent of the Public Schools here. Mr. Martin is a graduate from the Wilmington High School.

This little city was the scene of unusual interest on Saturday and notwithstanding the rain the streets were crowded with representatives from all parts of Clinton County. The occasion was a procession and banquet for the manufacturers of the buckeye reapers and mowers, C. Aultman & Co., of Canton, O.

The affair was superintended by the firm of Fulton, Crane & Peters, agents for the machine in this County, and was given upon the delivery of some eighty-five machines sold by them since January. A procession of purchasers with their machines headed by the Sabina and New Vienna Bands paraded the streets and then proceeded to the West House, where banqueting and speeches terminated a very pleasant affair.

## DELAWARE, O.

The recent rains have been quite refreshing.

Yesterday about nine o'clock a. m. there was another fire in South Delaware, which was soon extinguished by the timely aid of the Fire Company.

Miss Maria Shearer, of this city, is in Columbus, visiting her cousin, Miss Minnie Smale, who is attending school at the deaf and dumb institution of that place.

The Sophomore class of the O. W. U. are not desirous of having "General Geometry" elected for the "third term." They think that one term for him is sufficient.

Mr. J. Sanderson, four doors west of the Post-office, who is a live and energetic lively man, has this motto: "Whip light, drive slow, come back all right, and pay before you go."

There was quarterly meeting at St. Paul's M. E. Church yesterday. The Young Men's Christian Association held a prayer meeting yesterday at 4 1/2 p. m., at their room at the Williams' Block. This is their usual time for their prayer meeting.

A student named Reed, of the O. W. U., while bathing last Saturday in the waters of the dam, came near being drowned. He was swimming and became cramped. He sank two times and, but for the aid of two other students, who were with him, namely, Mr. Hart and Mr. Bigley, he would have been drowned.

James Joel, a colored barber living in this city, while on his way to Richmond last Thursday, saved a boy's life. This boy's mother was fishing in the Scioto River, about thirty feet from the shore, and the boy, who was only five years old, fell out of the skiff. Mr. Joel plunged in the river with his clothes on and rescued the boy.

## SPRINGFIELD, O.

The Murphy meeting last night was well attended.

There will be nineteen census enumerators in the city.

The School Board will meet this evening to elect teachers.

A number of fights occurred on the streets of our city Saturday night.

A business meeting by the Young Men's Christian Association will take place this evening.

An interesting meeting was held at the Y. M. C. A. rooms by the Women's Temperance Union yesterday afternoon.

The State Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will take place next Monday, May 31st, in this city, at the Fair Grounds.

Captain Russell and Secretary Nelson, of the Memorial Guards, request a full attendance at the Armory on Tuesday evening, May 25th, as business of importance will be transacted.

The following names appeared on the Station House slate last evening: John McLaughlin, drunk and disorderly; officers Norton and Colwell; Mike Doyle, drunk and disorderly; officers Waters and Foster, bailed; Clark Lefell, disorderly; Hughes and Newell; M. Kuntz, disorderly; Hughes and Newell, bailed; James Molabey, drunk; Foster and Schuchman; Frank Tobin, disorderly; Foster and Schuchman.

A twelve-hours go-as-you-please walking match took place at City Hall Saturday, beginning at 11:30 p. m. Entries made by six contestants, and the following was the score: Sylvester Montony won the first prize, which was \$30, and Patrick Shay the second prize, \$20; Montony 60 miles and 16 laps, Shay 59 miles and 11 laps, J. W. Roach 29 miles and 30 laps, Sam. Stewart 56 miles and 12 laps, M. H. Solomon 43 miles, George Allison 38 miles and 2 laps. Roach took sick about 3 o'clock, and had three

spasms, but was attended by the physicians and soon recovered. The Continental Band furnished music. Quite a crowd was present to witness the affair.

The following is a report of the transfers of real estate for the week ending Saturday, May 22d:

Henry Harshbarger to Samuel Hamlet, part of lot 82, New Carlisle; \$500.

E. G. Coffin, Sheriff, to A. and M. Hamlet, part of lot 89, New Carlisle; \$401.

Thos. F. McGrew to James Kearnes, part of lot 1, 446 city; \$800.

Mary C. Scott to Jacob C. Jones, house and lot on Clifton street, city; \$2,260.

Wm. Strawsburg to Catharine Boyce, lot 2, 120, city; \$1,200.

G. S. Plattenburg to Joseph Clokey, lot on Center street, city; \$1,100.

Rose Ann Anderson to Caroline E. Decker, house on southwest corner of High and Yellow Springs streets, city; \$2,200.

E. G. Coffin, Sheriff, to A. T. Byers, lot near Fair Ground, city; \$244.

J. W. Nogley to Samuel Atchison, Lot No. 19, Dolly Varden; \$86.33.

Joseph Pearson, administrator of P. L. Runyan, to Samuel Wilson, 140 acres in Pleasant Township; \$44.80.

E. G. Coffin, Sheriff, to W. W. Buffenbarger, 49 acres in Madison Township; \$3,000.

E. N. Tibbets to Jerome W. Cook, part of lots 1, 371 and 1, 372 city; \$425.

Thos. J. Cartmell to J. Milton Runyan, 20 acres in Pleasant Township; \$1,300.

Keap Gaines, executor, to John Lohner, house and lot on West Main street, city; \$2,100.

Robt. Ballentine to Wm. Ballentine, 8 acres in German Township; \$450.

Prof. McGinnis and Mr. Black delivered very interesting addresses at the temperance meeting last night.

About 11 1/2 o'clock last night a shot was fired in the lower part of town which caused considerable commotion.

Be sure and go to the strawberry festival to-morrow night. Refreshments in abundance and the admission only a dime.

Joseph Straesser, Jr., has left for his home in Louisville. George is a good boy, and was well liked by his companions here.

The picnic of Mr. Spence Reeves on Saturday at Mt. Lookout Park was well attended by his scholars and their friends. A splendid time was had.

Services in the M. E. Church yesterday morning and evening were well attended. The sermons of Rev. Mr. Watson are becoming more and more interesting each Sabbath.

The Good Templars had a rousing meeting on Saturday night. Four young men were initiated, and a prominent business man of Newport also rode the goat with great satisfaction to the brothers and sisters present.

The river was well lined yesterday afternoon with boys big enough to know better than to go swimming in the city limits. The Marshal and his deputy, Emil Diss, swooped down and cleaned the bar and took three young men before Mayor Morgan, who let them go on the promise that they would sin no more.

Two young men, both minors, not being able to get any drink in town, proceeded to Dayton yesterday afternoon and got drunk. On returning home they became very noisy, and were encountered by Marshal Tom Knott, of Dayton, who was about to give them a night's board at the leading hotel in Dayton, Hotel de Dowd, when they pleaded the baby act and were let off.

The M. E. Church of Port Union, Butler County, Ohio, having been enlarged and improved, was yesterday dedicated. Rev. C. H. Fowler, Missionary Secretary-elect, preached the sermon. In the dedicatory services he was assisted by Rev. J. F. Chaffault, of Springfield, Ohio, and Rev. M. Blakene, of Iowa. The work of the trustees had been thorough and complete, and instead of the "old style" little country church, with its bare, white walls, uninviting pulpit and uncomfortable seats, the visitor was "surprised" to find a church as complete in all its appointments and as cozy and comfortable as the refined taste and liberality of its members could make it. The walls and ceilings are handsomely papered, all fresco; new carpet covers the floors; the minister's desk and pulpit chairs are of oiled black walnut; the altar rail of the same, neatly relieved by polished ash; the seats are of black walnut and ash, and after the latest style of church furniture; two new Estey organs for church and Sunday-school; a new tower and a sweet toned bell completes the make-up of this model country church. The little remaining indebtedness of \$630 was soon covered by a subscription of over \$700, when Mr. Warren Spellman, for the trustees, spoke the words to Rev. Fowler that betokened peace and prosperity to any church. "We present to you this Church free of debt, to be dedicated to the service of Almighty God," and it was so done. Mr. James Beatty, Sr., long a member of the Church, was detained at home by sickness. After the ceremony of dedication, with the Church out of debt, a pleasant episode was the presentation to the trustees of the Church of a check for \$2,000 on the First National Bank of Hamilton, accompanied by a request that the same be invested safely, and the interest used in perpetuity of her annual contribution to the salary of the pastor. A rising unanimous vote of thanks for Mrs. Beatty's unexpected display of her interest in and thoughtfulness for the welfare of the Church, followed by the benediction, closed the happy ceremonies.

Vienna celebrated, a few days since, the unveiling of the statue of Beethoven. Vienna, which the great composer called his second home, has thus paid its debt of gratitude to the man whose works still reign supreme in the Capital of Austria. The monument was initiated and executed by private subscription.

## KIT CHUB.

Timmins said so, and Timmins, you must remember, was an authority. It was Timmins, the grocer, who told Smuttyface, the blacksmith, and he in turn revealed it to Geoffrey Glucose, Esq., the wealthy sugar refiner, who had built the most stylish villa in the pretty country town where Christopher Chub had lived all his life.

Glucose impatiently, perhaps condescendingly, listened to Smuttyface, and then curtly remarked that it was absurd. "Yes, sir, absurd, and Kit Chub will find it out to his sorrow!"

And then the great man paid Smuttyface for one full set of shoes and two "removes," a matter-of-fact expense brought about by the high-stepping of his favorite mare Starlight, whom he forthwith mounted, and turned her sagacious nose toward the vapors of the mighty city.

What was ails Kit Chub?

What would Kit Chub find out to his sorrow?

Ah, let's go up and ask Timmins!

The little dried-up spoon-visaged grocer had known Chub from boyhood; from "Chub-by infaney" he once facetiously told the school-master. In fact, until within a year past, Timmins had been the guardian of Christopher, who was a full orphan. Too full for utterance when he lost his good mother.

At the age of twenty-one, "Kit Chub," as every one delighted to call the manly young fellow, came into possession of a moderate fortune, that Timmins, and an associate executor had carefully turned and returned in obedience to the last will and testament of Margaret Chub, the widow of the late Zephaniah's Chub, attorney and counselor deceased.

Zephaniah Chub died when Kit was only a curly-headed prattler in the bib-and-tucker, and that, too, in such a hurry that he had no time to bless his only child. The upsetting of a pleasure yacht and Zephaniah's inability to swim had caused another name to be graven on the family vault of the Chubs, and deprived the frail young wife of the mournful privilege of lavine his marble brow with "the fruitful river of the eye."

Her husband's body was never recovered.

His life insurance, however, was.

After a year's seclusion, Margaret Chub beamed once again on society, with a house and lot on the most aristocratic street in Hightone, besides twenty thousand dollars in Government sixes recorded in her own name, and corruption's merciless grip on her vitals.

All this and more (except the fell malady) was her dear boy's inheritance, and so one beautiful summer twilight she lovingly laid her cheek next his stout young heart, and slept the unawakened slumber.

Everybody had liked Margaret Chub, so everybody grieved with poor Kit, and made his mother's funeral an event in Hightone.

School.

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At sixteen he had been article to his father's old law partner, who was co-executor with Timmins, and at twenty-one he was thoroughly disgusted with "Greenleaf on Evidence" and red tape on musty documents.

But he doted on the peach bloom of Mabel Colby's cheek, and folks talked freely of the suitability of the match.

Mabel was his preceptor's daughter, and moreover, also, an only child with a heavy silver-lining to the prospective cloud of her father's positive dissolution in due course of remorseless time.

So the well-mated young couple billed and cooed, petted and pouted, sighed and sulked and courted under a fond old man's nose and sanction.

Then came a speculative temptation to Kit.

Six months of worry and only one brief hour of financial whirlwind.

He was penniless.

Glucose called him a fool.

Timmins said: "How stupid!"

Old Colby remarked: "Not a bit like his father!"

Smuttyface groaned: "Ah, had he only struck when the iron was hot!"

She schoolmaster muttered: "Poor boy; but it will make him, though, or I'm mistaken."

Mabel cried and vowed, like Mrs. Micawber, that she'd never desert him.

The neighbors shrugged their shoulders and advanced and hedged on a dozen score opinions.

Tanhide, the schoolmaster, was right, and Mabel Colby proved herself a trump.

Kit moped one week, and the next scraped acquaintance with a Connecticut clock-peddler, and engaged as his first lieutenant of the "Dial Guards," as he denominated the metallic and fancy veneered cases of his "new and superior line of goods." All Hightone held up its hands in horror.

Zephaniah Chub's son a clock-peddler! Who'd have thought it?

"Well, well, he has run down," chorused the gossip.

Old Colby was incensed, and Kit wisely avoided the house.

Timmins, who was frugal and industrious himself, liked "the boy's spirit," as he called it.

Smuttyface told it to Geoffrey Glucose, Esq., as I have before noted, and added, with a knowing leer, "We will watch and see how the thing winds up."

Glucose, who hated puns almost as much as he detested a revenue officer, was tempted to lay hands on the blacksmith and throttle him then and there, but observing his brawn, restrained himself, and merely remarked on the absurdity of Kit's choice, and how he would find it out to his sorrow.

Mabel smuggled delicate little notes to Kit and intimated that she gloried in his pluck, which certainly was quite a concession to be made by a refined young lady.

Kit pressed his lips to the consolatory missives and started West with a big lot of patent nickel-plated self-winders.

He literally took time by the fore-lock and Leadville by storm.

In thirteen weeks he had cleared enough money to buy out his employer, and buy in a mining-claim.

In sixty days more the sight of a pat-

ent nickel-plated self-winder made him think only of the days of his adversity.

In another sixty days he was worth more than enough to make Richard Colby gracious, and wisely sold out at first offer.

It came from Wall street, and from Glucose, who had gone daft on mining stocks, and invested all Kit's discarded bonanza.

To-day the stylish villa belongs to Christopher Chub, Esq., the people's candidate for Congress.

Richard Colby was recanted and now says: "My son-in-law, sir, is a shrewd, practical man; a regular chip of the old block." Seemingly all the while oblivious of the fact that Zephaniah went down like a log.

Smuttyface is more than satisfied with the winding up, as Kit owns Starlight now, and a half-dozen other fast trotters.

Tanhide, the schoolmaster, has retired on the bounty of his former pupil, and is actually writing a romance with the title: "Blood is Thicker than Water."

Timmins is still looked up to by the people who are physically a head and shoulders above him. He is a great authority on wheat, whisky and weather, but sensibly sticks to plain statements and an old established business.

Mabel Chub, nee Colby, has a patent nickel plated self-winder in every room of "Chateau Colorado" (the new name of "Glucose Grange") and with a woman's intuitive recognition of the eternal fitness of things has given the clock peddler's patronymic to her baby boy.

Kit is still absurd, but very happy. He is popular with the right sort of people, so will not be left in the political lurch.

Neither clover nor catkins has so far spoiled him.

Let us hope congressional honors may not turn his head nor sear his heart.

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